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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to nutraceutical compositions comprising at least two ingredients from the groups of EGCG, pantethine or a metabolite thereof, phytanic acid, lipoic acid, policosanol and coenzyme Q-10 and their use in the treatment or prevention of diabetes or obesity.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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